

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. to 7. (Cancelled)

8. (New) A reclosable fastener for plastics bags and other containers, comprising:

a first element comprising a first elongate body portion, at least one first upstanding profiled member, and first high compression members, wherein the first high compression members comprise a first upstanding post at one end of the first body portion and a first heel at the other end of the first body portion;

a second element comprising a second elongate body portion, at least one second upstanding profiled member, and second high compression members, wherein the second high compression members comprise a second upstanding post at one end of the second body portion and a second heel at the other end of the second body portion;

wherein the first and second profiled members are engagable when the first and second elements are pressed together with the first and second profiled members facing each other; and

wherein both the first post and the second heel, and the second post and the first heel, are aligned and are arranged to contact each other at complementarily angled contact surfaces to provide resistance to compression forces exerted in the direction of closure of the fastener.

9. (New) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 8, in which both the first and second upstanding profiled members further comprise hooks.

10. (New) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 9, in which the first and second elements each comprise two hooked profiled members, with the hooks of the first profiled members being engageable with the hooks of the second profiled member.

11. (New) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 8, in which the first element further comprises a first pair of protruding ribs in alignment with the first high compression members, on a face of the first body portion opposite the first profiled member; and

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the second element further comprises a second pair of protruding ribs in alignment with the second high compression members, on a face of the second body portion opposite the second profiled member.

12. (New) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 11, in which each of the ribs is overlaid with a layer of sealing/welding material.

13. (New) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 12, in which the sealing/welding material is ethylene vinyl acetate.

14. (New) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 8, wherein the first post extends beyond the apex of the first profiled member and the second post extends beyond the apex of the second profiled member.

15. (New) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 8, further comprising a single flange provided on only one of the first and second elements, for attachment to a film or web.
